on passengers entering/detraining from coaches and coaches are properly locked during their run.

(6) Announcement through public address system and CCN at important stations to alert travelling public against theft of their belongings etc.

(7) Wherever the State Govt. wants to establish mobile post in the running trains, necessary facilities like accommodation etc. are being provided.

**Cancellation of confirmed reservations in Kalka Mail**

1513. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Mnister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to accommodate MPs going to Chail in Himachal Pradesh to witness a cricket match, in Kalka Mail from Delhi on 12th May, 2000, confirmed reservations of 1st Class AC passengers were cancelled, thereby causing a lot of inconvenience to them; and

(b) whether it is a fact that passengers were refused entry into the train at the nick of time, without information?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The train No. 2311 Howrah-Kalka Mail which was scheduled to leave Howrah on 11.5.2000 and passing through Delhi on 12.5.2000 was cancelled by Eastern Railway due to "Bharat Bandh". Consequently, all the passengers booked by this train were granted refund.

**Half price tickets for Rashtrapati Awardee Teachers**

1514. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are giving II Class half price tickets to teachers who were honoured with Rashtrapati award;

(b) what type of facilities are given to other such awardees; and

(c) whether Government would consider some better honour to such awardees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF